

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 7 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1204-0-01 (ACCNO 5761) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: SPENCER, DEAN CALVIN III Date Status assigned: 31 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E4	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	74 in / 1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	3 Oct 1947	Weight	176 lb / 79.7 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	WEST VIRGINIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QYD459138
Lat/Long: 162339N / 1071810E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: THUA THIEN-HUE
(formerly): THUA THIEN
Mission District: HUONG DIEN
Mission Date: 7 Jun 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Apr 93
Investigations: Apr 93
Surveys: Apr 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

CASE: 1204

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

12 December 1975

ON 7 JUNE 1968 SP4 DEAN C. SPENCER, COMPANY D, 2ND BATTALION, 12TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION, WAS CROSSING THE RAO TANG RIVER DURING A COMBAT OPERATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEN HE SWAM OUT TO RECOVER A CANTEEN. HE WAS SEEN TO BE PULLED UNDER THE WATER, AND ANOTHER MAN DOVE IN TO HELP HIM. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW, BUT THE OTHER MAN WAS ALSO PULLED UNDER AND HIS BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED UNTIL FOUR DAYS LATER, ALMOST TWO KILOMETERS DOWNSTREAM. NO TRACE WAS EVER FOUND OF SP4 SPENCER. (THE INCIDENT AREA WAS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD 459 138). (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SP4 SPENCER IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

12 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST AIRCAVDIV, 16 JUL 68. <2> 080216Z JUN 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

19 April 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR 1204 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE FOLLOWING THE 5-6 APR 93 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

4 October 1993

ON 15 MAY 93, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT TWO (IE2) INTERVIEWED LOCAL RESIDENCES ALONG THE BO (BOO) RIVER FOR CASE 1204 IN QUAN NAM HOA DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. LOCAL INHABITANTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE OR BURIAL SITES. ON 15 MAY 93, AN ELEMENT OF IE2 TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL (YD458139) AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR APPARENT BURIAL SITES AT THE LOCATION OR DOWN STREAM OF THE INCIDENT. (REF 2)